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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Muscle Shoals Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Hillsboro Baptist Church, Hillsboro, Lawrence Co., Ala.,

October 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1891.

OFFICERS.

ELD. W. M. BLACKWELDER, Moderator... Decatur, Ala.
ELD. JOSEPHUS SHACKELFORD, Clerk..... Trinity Station, Ala.
T. W. LYNCH, Treasurer..... Moulton, Ala.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon at 11 a. m. Friday.
2. After intermission—Friday afternoon—the Moderator shall call the Association to order and appoint reading clerks.
3. Read letter from the churches and enroll delegates.
4. Elect officers.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Call for correspondence from other bodies.
7. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
8. Appoint committees, viz: 1. On Devotional Exercises. 2. State of Religion. 3. Deceased Ministers. 4. Documents. 5. Finance Committee.
9. Call for report of Board of Trustees of Baptist Male and Female Institute at Moulton.
10. Call for Report of Executive Board.
11. Saturday Morning—Religious Exercises one-half hour.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Appoint Messengers to Corresponding bodies.
14. Call for Treasurer's Report.
15. Call for Report of Board of Ministerial Education.
16. Report of Missionaries.
17. Report of Standing Committees in the Order of their appointment.
18. Report of other committees in their order.
19. Appoint time and place of Next Meeting and the preacher of the Introductory sermon and the Alternate.
20. Miscellaneous business.
21. Read the Minutes, Call the roll and Adjourn.

The next session will be held with Decatur Baptist church, commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1892.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Bragg, T. R.....	Moulton, Ala.	Brindlee, A. B.....	Somerville, Ala.
Cobb, W. T.....	Danville, "	Blackwelder, W. M.....	Decatur, "
Dawson, J. D.....	Town Creek, "	Cornstock, O. E.....	Sheffield, "
Gunn, Jackson, Trinity Station	"	Finney, Mike.....	Newburg, "
Hembree, J. H.....	Danville, "	Gibson, Jas S.....	Mt. Hope, "
Huckabee, J. B.....	Tuscumbia, "	Halbrooks, H. J.....	Hartselle, "
Lyon, Matt.....	Tuscumbia, "	McClannahan, J. D.....	Hartselle, "
Roan, Jas. E.....	Somerville, "	Norwood, R. W.....	Courtland, "
Shackelford, Jos.....	Trinity, Sta., "	Roberts, J. M.....	Moulton, "
Spain, Wm.....	Moulton, "	Speer, John.....	Trinity Sta., "
Sandlin, Jas. W.....	Moulton, "	Smith, W. G. W.....	Falkville, "
Stephenson, E. D.....	Danville, "	Thompson, J. N.....	Falkville, "
Wright, W. E.....	Somerville, "	Wear, R. T.....	Mt. Hope, "
Wright, J. S.....	Somerville, "	Wear, L. M.....	Landersville, "
Weaver, T. J.....	Somerville, "	Weaver, J. E.....	Lawrence's Cove, "
Williams, A. H.....	Etha, "	H. R. Schramm.....	Decatur, "
Brothers, B F.....	East Lake, "	Odell, J. T.....	Town Creek, "

MINUTES.

The delegates composing the seventy-second annual session of the Muscle Shoals Baptist Association, convened in the Baptist church at Hillsboro, Lawrence county, Alabama, on Friday, the second day of October, 1891, at 11 a. m.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Mat Lyon, from 1st Cor. 3:9: "For we are laborers together with God." After the sermon there was a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association assembled at the appointed time.

Elder Jackson Gunn, the former Moderator, called the association to order. The former Clerk, Elder Josephus Shackelford, took his place at the Clerk's table. A selection of Scripture was read by the Moderator, after which a hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Bros. J. C. Orr, W. H. Simpson and W. M. Blackwelder were appointed reading clerks.

The letters from the churches were then read, and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

- Bethel (L)—J. W. Brierly, C. M. Kirby, R. J. Nichols.
- Bethel (M)—J. D. Akin, W. A. Betue.
- Bethany—W. A. Crisler, J. Patterson, J. Agee.
- Cave Spring—Jas. Ratcliff.
- Cherry Hill—Letter, no delegate.
- Duville—E. D. Stephenson, J. C. Tidwell, W. T. Cobbs.
- Duratur—W. M. Blackwelder, W. H. Simpson, T. L. Ballue.
- Eden—J. T. Wallace, E. L. Keys.
- Etha—J. P. Suggs, G. W. King.
- Falkville—T. L. Simpson, J. N. Thompson.
- Friendship—Thos. M. Daniel.
- Furnace Hill—Letter, no delegate.
- Gum Spring (L)—E. L. Bond, W. H. Maston, T. J. Randolph.
- Gum Spring (M)—A. B. Brindlee, C. T. Viczant.
- Harmony—J. S. Howell, W. W. Tucker.
- Hartsell—H. J. Halbrook, J. C. Orr, J. D. McClannahan.
- Hopewell—F. H. Orr, S. S. Sims.
- Hillsboro—Jos. Shackelford, S. J. Porter, J. W. Wallace.
- Lebanon—W. J. Briscoe, W. H. Jenkins.
- Liberty—W. J. Young, J. A. Neely, W. H. Clayton.
- Macdonia (M)—J. J. Fredrick, J. D. Cameron, J. J. Sykes.
- Macdonia (F)—Mike Finney.
- Mission Grove—Robert Rehl, John Yates.
- Mountain—J. N. Bragg, H. B. Irwin, T. A. Hutchison.
- Mo Zion (L)—J. D. Dawson, F. R. Baver.
- Mo Sauty—Letter, no delegate.
- Mo Zion (M)—J. I. Thompson, C. Thompson.
- Mo Hop.—Jas S. Gibson, W. R. Roberts.

Mt. Noho (M)—R. B. Gibson, T. F. Witt, R. S. Sherrill.
 Mt. Noho (F)—J. W. Horton.
 Mt. Pisgah—D. M. Jenkins, G. H. Hughes.
 New Hope—J. W. Crow.
 New Prospect—J. M. Roberts, W. A. Sandlin, F. M. Caruth.
 New Decatur—H. R. Schramm.
 Okolona—W. D. Braggwell, J. F. Finney.
 Pleasant Grove—T. R. Bragg, J. W. Sandlin, B. J. Bass.
 Pleasant Hill—J. Gann, L. W. Jones.
 Russellville—D. W. Hamby, Peter Clay, R. A. Kirkland.
 Rocky Creek—Letter, no delegate.
 Sheffield—A. J. Irie.
 Salem—H. E. Weathermax.
 Shady Grove—J. A. Moore, T. J. Sbert, J. W. Livingston.
 Sharp Spring—Mike Taylor, F. L. Britnell.
 Tusculum—A. L. Moody, Chas. A. Womble.
 Town Creek—R. T. Wear, T. Jones.
 Zion—Jas. Bell.

The following brethren, members of the Executive Board, were present, who, by virtue of their office, are members of the association: O. D. Gibson, P. J. Hutcheson, W. D. Irwin, Thos. W. Lynch, C. G. Lynch, A. L. Moody and A. W. Bailey.

After the enrollment of the names of the delegates the Moderator announced that the association was ready to proceed with the election of its officers. He called Bro. A. L. Moody to the chair and said that it was necessary for him to leave, as he had an appointment to preach at night at Pleasant Hill church. The association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder W. M. Blackwelder as Moderator, and Elder Jos. Shackelford as Clerk.

After a few appropriate remarks by Brother Blackwelder, on taking the Moderator's seat, he declared the association ready for business.

The order of business as printed in the minutes of last year, was adopted as the order of business for this session.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

A letter from New Center church, petitioning for membership, was read. On motion, the church was received, and the hand of fellowship given to the delegates, Bros. S. T. Wright, Jos. Leemons and J. S. Wright.

CORRESPONDENTS.

The following brethren were received as correspondents.

From Liberty Association—Elders J. L. Thompson and J. A. Eaves.
 Big Bear Creek Association—Elder John R. Nesmith.
 The Bible and Colporteur Board—Elder Jos. E. Herring.
 Cullman Association—A. B. Brindlee.
 State Board of Ministerial Education—Elder J. L. Thompson.

COMMITTEES.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Devotional Committee—Pastor and Deacons of Hillsboro church, with Bros. J. C. Orr and T. Jones.

On State of Religion—T. R. Bragg, Peter Clay, W. T. Cobbs.
 On Deceased Ministers—J. N. Bragg, J. P. Scrings, Robt. Kirkland.
 On Documents—J. C. Tidwell, A. J. Crutchfield, W. J. Young
 On Finance—A. L. Moody, H. B. Irwin, P. J. Hutcheson.
 On Bible and Colportage Work—H. R. Schramm, R. T. Wear, W. H. Simpson.

On motion of Brother J. M. Roberts, the subject of Missions was made the special order for 10 a. m. to-morrow.
 The Devotional committee reported that Elder J. L. Thompson would preach to-night at 7:30 o'clock.
 On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.
 Prayer by Eld. J. E. Herring.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 1891.

The association met pursuant to adjournment.

The devotional exercises were led by Elder John E. Weaver, who read a portion of Scripture.

Prayer was made by Bros. W. T. Cobbs and J. M. Roberts.

After these services the association proceeded to business. The minutes of Friday were read and approved. Letters were read from Bethel, Sheffield and Furnace Hill churches.

Elder B. F. Riley, President of Howard College, and Elder J. C. Hudson, of Florence Association, being present, were invited to seats.

The Moderator appointed a committee on time and place for the meeting of the next association, and a preacher of the Introductory sermon and his alternate, consisting of Brothers H. B. Irwin, J. D. McClannahan, G. H. Hughes and C. G. Lynch.

BAPTIST MALE AND FEMALE INSTITUTE AT MOULTON.

The President of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Male and Female Institute, at Moulton, made the annual report of that Board, which, after some remarks by Bros. Shackelford, J. W. Sandlin and R. A. Kirkland, was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, as follows:

We, the Trustees of the Male and Female Institute, report that we have a school with an enrollment of seventy-six pupils, with a prospect of an increase of this number in the near future. We have engaged the services of Prof. A. G. Spinks, a graduate of Howard College, as principal, and Miss Anna Shackelford as an assistant. We are satisfied that we have now laid the foundation for a permanent school of high grade, and think it merits the endorsement and patronage of this association.

The following constitute the Board of Trustees: H. B. Irwin, T. W. Lynch, N. G. Dilleslaw, Jourdan White, J. S. Gibson, John C. Orr, W. T. Prewitt, James M. Doss, T. Jones, H. J. Remington, J. N. Bragg and J. M.

Sandlin. The term of office of the following expires in 1891: J. S. Gibson, John C. Ori, W. T. Prentiss, J. M. Doss and T. Jones.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. IRWIN, Chairman,

T. W. LYNCH, Secretary.
October 1st, 1891.

A committee consisting of Bros. J. M. Roberts, R. T. Wear and E. D. Stephenson, was appointed to nominate members of the Board of Trustees of the Male and Female Institute to fill the places of those whose term expires this year.

The report of the Executive Board was read by its Secretary, Bro. P. J. Hutchison. Bro. O. D. Gibson, President of the Board, explained the work of the Board, and after some remarks by Bros. C. G. Lynch and Jos. Shackelford, concerning the F. C. Owen bequest, the report was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board met in Monilton on the 6th day of November, 1890. Members present: O. D. Gibson, T. W. Lynch, D. Burleson, N. G. Dittleshaw, W. D. McDaniel, P. J. Hutchison. The Board was organized by electing O. D. Gibson, Chairman, and P. J. Hutchison, Secretary. We then ascertained that we had \$500 upon which to operate during the year. The State Mission Board was allowed \$50 and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards each \$12 50.

ASSOCIATIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.

District No. 1.—Brother J. B. Huckabee was assigned this district, with a salary of \$150 for the year, he to preach at Leighton, Liberty and Mt. Stanley churches, to each one Sunday in the month, and he be allowed to supplement his salary by what he might be able to collect from the churches, outside of pledges in the association. This work he afterwards declined, and it was given to Brother J. Speer, at the same salary, he to add to the work some other destitute point in that section.

District No. 2.—Fifty dollars was appropriated to this district, to be used near Russellville, and Bros. C. G. Lynch and Wm East, who are members of the Board, were appointed to employ a man for that work, also allowing him to collect \$50, due by Russellville church, on its old pledge to the association, to be used in connection with the appropriations made by the Board for that work. Elder Matt Lyon was employed for one fourth of his time on that field.

District No. 3.—New Decatur church was allowed \$100 to assist them during the current year. Brother J. D. McClunahan was allowed \$50 for his services at Shady Grove church. Old Friendship church was allowed \$25 to assist them in employing their pastor, Bro. Frank Brothers. Bro. Frank Brothers was also allowed \$25 to preach at Speak's school house one Sunday in each month up to the association. Brother A. W. Bailey was requested to collect the money known as the F. C. Oxen bequest, from Mr. Harvey Townsend, and it was further agreed that the same money be loaned to individual parishes for Hillsboro church, when properly secured, so that such security is approved by the Treasurer and Board of the association.

At a meeting of the Board on December 20 1890, Bro. J. B. Huckabee was allowed \$25 for the month's work rendered in the First District, just after our last association.

Shady Grove church was allowed \$25 to assist them in the building of their house of worship, provided, that amount is on hand at the association above all previous appropriations.

All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. HUTCHISON, Secretary.

O. D. GIBSON, Chairman.

MISSIONS.

The special hour for the consideration of the subject of Missions having arrived, the Moderator called for the reports of the different committees on missions, which were read. On Associational Missions, by Brother W. T. Cobbs; on State Missions, by Brother J. E. Weaver; on Home Missions, by Brother W. H. Simpson; on Foreign Missions, by Brother M. Lyon. The report on Bible and Colportage Work was also read by Brother J. E. Herring. The subject of missions was then discussed. After an address by Brother B. F. Riley, Brother R. T. Wear moved that speeches be limited to five minutes, which was adopted.

The following brethren then addressed the association: J. E. Herring, H. R. Schramm, J. L. Thompson, E. D. Stephenson and J. C. Hudson.

Pending the discussion, the hour of 2 having arrived, on motion, the association adjourned. Prayer by Brother J. Gunn.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association met pursuant to adjournment.

The subject of missions was resumed, and Brother J. M. Waller, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, having arrived during the intermission, was invited to a seat. He addressed the association at some length, his time not being limited to five minutes. After his speech, the Moderator then proceeded to take pledges for missions from the churches and individuals.

The following pledges were made from the churches and Sunday-schools:

Bethel (L).....	\$ 10 00	Blue Springs.....	\$ 10 00
Bethany.....	5 00	Cane Spring (pd FC).....	5 00
Danville.....	35 00	De ather.....	125 00
Enon.....	20 00	Friendship.....	5 00
Falkville.....	10 00	Gum Springs (L).....	5 00
Harisell.....	20 00	Hopewell.....	20 00
Hillsboro.....	50 00	Lebanon.....	5 00
Liberity.....	10 00	Macedonia (M).....	5 00
Moulton.....	25 00	Mt. Zion (L).....	12 50
Mt. Hope.....	10 00	Mt. Zion (M).....	5 00
Mt. Pisgah (pd FC).....	5 00	Mt. Zion (v) pd FC For M.....	10 00
Mt. Nebo (F).....	30 00	New Prospect " ".....	6 00
New Decatur.....	35 00	Okolona.....	5 00
Pleasant Hill.....	10 00	Rocky Creek.....	40 00
Pleasant Grove.....	5 00	Shelfield.....	5 00
Somerville.....	15 00	Sharp Spring.....	20 00
Tusculum.....	25 00	Town Creek (paid FC).....	12 00
Bethel (M).....	10 00	Mission Grove.....	2 00
New Center.....	5 00	Pleasant Grove (pd FC).....	1 00
Shelld S S.....	10 00	Shady Grove S S.....	2 00
Russellville S S.....	10 00	Moulton S S.....	1 00
Falkville S S.....	1 00	Pleasant Hill S S.....	1 00

\$356 00

\$318 50

\$356 00

Grand total from Churches and Sabbath-Schools.....\$664 50

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

W. A. Belue	\$ 1 00	M. C. Belue.....	\$ 50
M. J. Belue	50	S M Belue.....	50
Peter Clay.....	5 00	W. L. Brasswell.....	paid 1 00
C. J. Crutchfield.....	5 00	H. W. Hanby.....	" 1 00
T. L. Ryan.....	paid 1 00	W. J. Young (For M).....	2 50
Miss Fannie Wiggins.....	5 00	W. H. Simpson.....	5 00
R. D. Nelson	1 00	Robt. McClanahan.....	50
J. W. McClannahan.....	50	E. T. McClanahan.....	25
O. D. McClannahan.....	25	E. A. Shoemaker.....	1 00
Mattie Wear.....	1 00	Elkins Hardy.....	1 00
Mrs. W. R. Simpson.....	1 00	Cash Collections.....	8 30

\$21 25

\$ 21 55

\$ 21 25

Total individuals and cash.....\$ 42 80

Total from churches and Sunday-schools\$604 50

Grand total from churches, individuals and cash.....\$707 30

After the pledges were made and collections taken, the several reports were adopted, as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Associational Missions, submit the following as our report:

There has been much good accomplished by our missionaries within the bounds of our association, yet there remains much to be done. Possibly, there has not been a time within the last 25 years' history of this body, when a greater effort was needed than at the present. Simply because our country is inviting the people from all portions of the world to come and settle among us. Fields of iron ore are being developed; new towns are being built. Therefore, our people, as well as those from foreign countries, are flocking to those iron fields and new towns. It behooves the Baptists of this association to go into those centers of population with the plain truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ, "which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," and thereby plant the truths of the Bible in their hearts.

Your committee would recommend the course already adopted, of centralizing our work where the greatest amount of good can be accomplished with the limited amount of means in hand.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. COBBS, Ch'n.,
J. B. HUCKABEE.

STATE MISSIONS.

The fifteenth annual report of the State Mission Board shows that 48 missionaries were employed for a part of their time last year. They served 6 081 days which would be less than the entire time of 18 men. They received \$86 353 97, which would give them an average daily pay of less than \$1 07. The State of Alabama, with 97,918 white Baptists, supports less than 18 missionaries for their entire time, at the above small salary. The number of people in the State, divided equally between these 18 missionaries, would give to each the vast number of 83,733 human souls, to whom they are, to some extent, required to give the bread of life. To enable them to do this work each Baptist of the State pays only about 6½ cents to State Missions annually. Alabama has a population of 1,508 073, of which ½ are Baptists, with less than 18 Baptist missionaries employed for their entire time in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. This state of affairs is but a declaration of unfaithfulness upon the part of the Baptists of the State. Espe-

cially is this true, when we profess to believe that we are the people of God, and that He has given us this land that we might observe His statutes and keep His laws. Shall we not here confess that from the days of our fathers, we have gone away from His ordinances, and have robbed Him in tithes and offerings? If the Lord of Hosts has said, "that a land shall be delightful, and all nations shall call it blessed when it brings its offerings into the store house of God," shall we not, as Baptists, comply with His laws, that we may witness from Heaven's opening windows, blessings that there shall not be room to receive? The Omnipotent hand that waves in protective power over growing fields and ripening fruits, is but a demand from the Lord that we shall honor Him with our substance. The rich treasures that have so long been hidden beneath the soil of our State, have now broken forth in streams of perpetual prosperity. May every Christian heart bear these living streams from the bosom of the earth into the store-house of God!

When we think of the blessings of God upon the land of our home, we cannot afford to let his laws be violated. Led by the spirit of missions, the great Baptist heart of the State will bear the Word of God to the work-shop, the mines, the melting forge and the rolling-wheel, and will write on them in letters of gold: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." And between these lines of gold will write, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy;" will meet the foreigners at the very threshold of our State, with an open Bible and bended knee, and show him Christ. The wise and wealthy are coming from afar and making their homes among us. Men of consecration, talent and education must meet them with the gospel of Christ. The ablest men of our State should be sought out and placed in our State Mission field, a number sufficient to do the work well. These men of consecrated power and ability must be well paid to enable them to do this work. They can do it if we will help them by our prayers and free will offerings. Under the pressing demands for more State Mission work, we ask for more money, that we may have more men to stand for Christ, with those who are already in the field. The harvest, truly, is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WEAVER,
H. J. HALBROOKS.

HOME MISSIONS.

It is gratifying to note the steady advance of the work of the Home Mission Board. The increase of contributions to this cause indicate the growing favor its work is receiving from our people. The importance and vastness of the work committed to it is being more and more realized.

Within the last five years the amount contributed to this Board has been more than doubled. The last report shows something over \$200,000 paid in to the Board; the number of workers employed to be 406; total number of additions to the churches, 9,987; churches constituted, 244; Sunday-schools organized, 424; houses of worship built, 143.

The work among the Indians has met with remarkable success; 16 missionaries are laboring among the five civilized tribes, in which many churches have been organized, great numbers baptized, and a number of native preachers are at work. Among the colored people 61 missionaries have labored a part or all of their time. The institutes for colored preachers have been of special benefit.

The marvelous awakening and phenomenal success continues in the Island of Cuba; 22 laborers are now employed in that field; there are now 10 churches with a membership of 2,000; the house of worship purchased by the Board at Havana, has been dedicated and adds much to the success of the work in that city.

The Board has 15 missionaries among the foreign population, mainly among the Germans in the cities of Louisville, St. Louis, Kansas City, and in many other points in Missouri and Texas.

Among the native white population of the Southern States, 302 men have been distributed to labor according to the needs of the different fields.

Glancing at the territory in which the Home Board is engaged, how great the need of most liberal and continuous aid from our churches! The field grows wider every year. Let the pressing needs, crying wants, endless opportunities, move our hearts to promptness of action, and excite the generous enthusiasm in this department of mission work.

W. M. BLACKWELDER,
W. H. SIMPSON,
JOHN SPEER.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee observes with pleasure the great improvement in the "Foreign Mission Journal," published at Richmond, Va., the seat of our Foreign Mission Board. This indispensable medium of missionary intelligence is now a hand-some 32 page monthly magazine and the price is 50 cents a year for one copy, or 36 cents per copy for ten or less than 25 in one order, and 25 cents (per year) per copy for 25 or more copies ordered at one time. These reduced subscriptions are not in clubs, with the copies all addressed to one person at one postoffice, but they are sent to the subscribers themselves, at any postoffice just as other papers commonly are. With a circulation of only 13 000 copies, the Foreign Mission Journal made a profit for our Foreign Mission Board of \$107 75. When it shall have a circulation of 150 000 copies, as we think it ought to have, it will, without doubt, put several thousand dollars into our foreign mission treasury. By this means an immense amount of valuable and much needed information would be circulated among Baptist people, and this we feel assured, would be the means of increasing ten-fold our contributions to the great foreign mission work.

Our Foreign Mission Board has in China, 41 missionaries besides 21 native assistants; in Africa, 12 missionaries and 8 native assistants; in Italy, 15 missionaries, 12 of whom are Italian; in Brazil, our Board has 17 missionaries, and one native assistant; in Mexico 32 missionaries and one assistant, and in Japan 4 missionaries; in all, there sum up 121 missionaries and 31 assistant; of these missionaries, seven from our own country have been recently appointed. Here are in all 152 men and women, and of our own American missionaries not less than 34 families, with many children among them.

The cost of transporting missionaries many thousands of miles, and of sometimes returning them home for health, and occasionally bringing their children within reach of civilization for schooling; the cost of building and furnishing churches and school houses; the cost of Bible and needed literature, stationery and printing, with moderate salaries for officers and helpers, and the support of all these missionaries on their fields of labor, to say not a word about sickness and medicine and many other items; all these make it highly probable that the expenditure of \$180 407 45 last year, by our Board of Foreign Missions, was not unreasonable for so great a missionary enterprise. Let us call your attention to one single item of missionary expense. It would be unchristian, nay more, it would be shamefully inhuman in our Board to leave our missionaries and their dependent families to perish in heathen and other foreign lands. So, when the great body of Southern Baptists fail to keep the Board at Richmond supplied, our officers there are compelled to borrow money from banks to pay expenses till relief comes in. Then one item in the last foreign mission report to the Southern Baptist Convention, was for \$1,257 30 interest on money borrowed. Of course, the officers of the Board have to borrow all these thousands of dollars every year on their own personal responsibility and risk, and have to trust to Providence to keep them from suffering.

Many instances of growing interest in foreign missions our limits do not allow us to state, but we would not fail to mention four important facts: "The Sunbeams" the children's organizations, report for last year, \$123 33 for foreign missions, about one fourth more than for the year before. "The Woman's Missionary Union," besides distributing a great amount of useful information in printed forms, as well as other helpful appliances reporting \$23,761 31 for foreign missions. Ten days before the

closing of the books, preparing for the last convention at Birmingham. The Foreign Board asked for the "Day of Prayer," which was answered with \$26,345 15. Lastly the Board has received in the last ten years, 1812 002 or nearly one-half of the whole amount received during the last forty-five years; and this year's receipts are \$1,348.17 more than last year's, and \$ 0,353 68 above the receipts of the last five years. Surely the work is progressing. We think that Christians have no cause to be discouraged in regard to our foreign missions.

The Mexican and Brazilian missions are prosperous, and full of promise. The dissolution of church and state in Brazil, and consequent complete religious liberty there, are immeasurably in favor of the spread of the pure gospel of Christ. The Italian and Chinese missions are also progressive and full of hope. The inhospitable climate of Africa, with the frequent and bloody hostilities of petty chiefs or kings, have always been serious hindrances to missionary enterprise; to which must be added trouble from some unworthy professors, yet our faithful missionaries there still labor on and trust in the promises of God. In Japan, we have made our most recent beginnings, and we hope for much in the forty millions of population of those islands.

In surveying the whole field in both hemispheres, we have much to be thankful for in the advances made, while there is much to enlist our prayers, that obstructions may be removed, and that many more souls be brought to Christ. The whole number of baptisms actually reported for last year is 130; other baptisms were alluded to, but their numbers are not given.

We think that our brethren every where ought more fully to realize the truth, that in sound gospel teachings for salvation, in organization of churches and equality in the ministry, according to the New Testament; in uncompromising opposition to tyrannical and corrupt church-craft and priest-craft, and in the undying advocacy and defence of universal soul-liberty and rights in religion, the Baptists are and have ever been, from the Apostolic age, emphatically and pre-eminently "the light of the world," as our Lord and Saviour called our ecclesiastical ancestors in his days on earth. And in order that this light may shine into every dark recess, in heathen regions; under the false prophet Mahomet's rule, and in so called, but world enthralled "Christendom," your committee would urge the necessity of more systematic, regular, frequent, and greatly increased contributions for our foreign mission work.

MAT LYON, Ch'n.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

We, your Committee on Bible and Colportage Work, beg leave to submit the following report:

For many years this very important work was in the hands of the State Mission Board, but the Secretary of that Board being over-run with Board work, a new Board was created in 1889, by the State Convention, in session at Selma, Ala. The Convention there recommended that the sum of \$2,000 be raised and put in the hands of this Board with which to carry on its operation. About \$600 00 of this amount was raised; but the Board pushed on a very limited capital and work at a disadvantage; but the Board pushed to the front and now operates twelve colporters, and does a good local trade. Last year in ten months it did \$3,000 worth of business, and the prospects are now that they will do about \$7,000 worth this year. Seeing the importance and magnitude of this work, we therefore recommend:

1. That this Association lend its aid to this Board in its arduous work, in contributions of money and our prayers; that churches and Sunday-schools order song books, S. S. literature, etc., from this Board; that missionaries under appointment of this Association be instructed to act as colporters under the auspices of this Board.

2. That this work be reported on from year to year, as are the other Boards, and thus keep our people posted as to progress and importance of this work.

3. That the churches take collections for this Board, and that pastors ex-

plain to, and press the importance of this work upon the churches early in each year.

H. R. SCHRAMM, Ch'n.
R. T. WEAR,
W. H. SIMPSON.

The Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting and preacher of the introductory sermon and his alternate reported as follows:

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

We respectfully report that we recommend that the next meeting of this Association be held with the First Baptist church of Decatur, commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1892, and that Elder R. T. Wear preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. T. Cobbs his alternate.

H. B. IRWIN, Ch'n.

The report was adopted.

Bro. J. E. Herring was allowed to take a collection for the Bible and Colportage Board which amounted to \$6.11.

CORRESPONDENTS.

On motion of Bro. Jos. Shackelford, fellowship was withdrawn from Mt. Carmel Association, and no correspondents were appointed to that body. This was done on account of the fact that this Association had learned that Mt. Carmel Association had received into her fellowship, a body claiming to be a Baptist church, which so-called church, Antioch, Morgan county, Alabama, had been refused membership in this body, because it was organized by excluded members of a church in fellowship with this body.

Correspondents and delegates were appointed to other bodies with which this body corresponds as follows:

- Cullman Association.—A. B. Brindlee, J. E. Weaver.
- Liberty Association.—Jos. Shackelford, H. R. Schramm, H. J. Halbrooks, J. D. McClanahan.
- Big Bear Creek Association.—Jos. Shackelford, M. Finney, A. L. Moody, T. R. Bragg, T. A. Hutchinson, C. A. Womble, J. S. Gibson.
- Florence Association.—C. A. Womble, A. L. Moody, A. J. Ivie, J. B. Huckabee.
- Alabama Baptist State Convention.—Jos. Shackelford, J. C. Orr, W. M. Blackwelder, J. M. Roberts, W. H. Simpson, H. R. Schramm, T. Jones, C. J. Crutchfield, H. J. Halbrooks, J. D. McClanahan, W. T. Cobbs, J. Gunn.
- Southern Baptist Convention.—Elder E. D. Stephenson and Elder R. T. Wear, alternate.

On motion the subject of education was made the special order for the night session.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Bro. T. W. Lynch and adopted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MOULTON, ALA., Oct. 1st, 1891.

T. W. Lynch, Treasurer—In account with Muscle Shoals Association.

1890.

Dr.

Oct. 2.	To cash from Finance Committee at last association for missions.....	\$457 00
1891.		100
Jan. 12.	To cash from Town Creek church.....	10 00
Mch. 18.	To cash from Hillsboro church.....	10 00
	To cash from Beattin church.....	5 60
May 26.	To cash from Russellville church.....	20 00
Oct. 1.	To cash from interest on Courtland church fund.....	16 00—\$518 60

Cr.

1890.		\$ 25 00
Oct. 4	By cash paid J. D. McClanahan.....	85 00
"	By cash paid T. J. Weaver.....	21 00
"	By cash paid J. B. Huckabee.....	19 60
"	By cash paid J. R. Nesmith.....	21 00
"	By cash paid J. E. Weaver for Falkville.....	50 00
"	By cash paid I. Speer.....	75 00
"	By cash paid Jos. Shackelford for Clerk's fee and printing..	20 00
1891..		5 00
March 18.	By cash paid John Speer.....	4 65—\$523 25
May 26.	By cash paid M. Lyon.....	
	Balance due Treasurer.....	

Respectfully submitted.

T. W. LYNCH, Treas.

A preamble and resolutions from Liberty Association, concerning the building up of a male high school, was read by the Clerk, and, on motion, was referred to the educational meeting to-night.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Associational Missions—J. E. Weaver, J. D. McClanahan, S. J. Porter.
 On State Missions—H. R. Schramm, J. S. Gibson, G. H. Hughes.
 On Home Missions—H. J. Halbrooks, A. L. Moody, W. H. H. Thompson.
 On Foreign Missions—R. T. Wear, J. C. Orr, B. F. Brothers.
 On Sunday-schools—J. W. Sandlin, J. W. Gibson, T. R. Bragg.
 On Education—J. C. Tidwell, C. A. Womble, J. B. Huckabee.
 On Ministerial Education—J. M. Roberts, Thos. Hutchison, J. N. Bragg.
 On Bible and Colportage Work—J. Gunn, A. W. Bailey, J. T. Wallace.
 On Temperance—W. H. Simpson, Jas. Ratcliff, John Speer.
 Centennial Committee—H. J. Halbrooks, W. T. Cobbs, H. R. Schramm.

The committee on Devotional services reported as follows:

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES FOR THE SABBATH.

At Baptist Church—At 9 a. m., Sunday-school mass-meeting.
 " " 11 a. m., Elder J. M. Waller.
 " " 3 p. m., Elder R. T. Wear.
 " " 7:30 p. m., Elder W. M. Blackwelder.
 At Methodist Church—At 11 a. m., Elder B. F. Riley.
 At Colored Baptist Church—At 11 a. m., Elder H. J. Halbrooks.
 " " 3 p. m., Elder W. T. Cobbs.
 " " 7:30 p. m., Elder J. D. McClanahan.

The reports of the Missionaries were read and adopted, as follows:

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

REPORT OF ELDER JOHN SPEER.

To the Delegates composing the Seventy-second Annual Session of the Muscle Shoals Association.

DEAR BRETHREN:

I herewith submit a summary of my work as your missionary for District No. 1. I accepted work as your missionary in the Tennessee Valley, in November, 1890, until the meeting of your body. I agreed to preach at the following places: Leighton, Town Creek, Mission Grove and Mount Stanley; giving half of my time to those points, on a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars, with the hope that said amount would be supplemented by those mission points. I feel that God has graciously blessed your work, through me. I have held meetings at each of the above named points, except Leighton, which place, I was impressed, it was best to leave off. It would be guess work to estimate the number of miles I have traveled. I have made 300 family visits; held prayer with the sick quite a number of times; preached 56 sermons; baptized 4. The churches received 11 by letter. Brethren, I feel that now is our opportunity, as a Baptist people in the great Tennessee Valley.

I have received \$50 on my salary.

Humbly submitted,

J. SPEER.

REPORT OF ELDER J. D. McCLANAHAN.

I received work from your Board for one appointment, to wit: Shady Grove, near Poteet's school house. I commenced work immediately after the last session of your body. I failed to get the lot on which to build at the Poteet school house, hence we procured one acre of land one-half mile west, in the fork of the Danville and Moulton roads, having a bona fide title to said land.

We have built a neat house, but have not completed it yet. We have had a grand success in the Master's cause at this point. We have had, however, many obstacles in the way. Our increase has been 28. Four or five are awaiting baptism. I have received on my salary \$16 from the Hartsell church, and five dollars from Brother J I Stockton.

This church asks the Board to help them at least another year. I think that if the Board will assist this church one or two more years, it will be a self-sustaining church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. McCLANAHAN.

REPORT OF ELDER MAT LYON.

My term of service was from April 1st to the present session of the association. My regular monthly appointments for preaching have been at Kirkwood and Ishell. I have also attended four protracted and two district meetings, besides preaching once in Sheffield, once in Tusculumbia, and once in Russellville. I have assisted in ordaining three deacons. I have delivered 35 sermons; made 42 visits; spent 61 days in actual service, and traveled, by estimation, 830 miles. My pay was to be \$120, which I have received in full.

October 1, 1891.

MAT LYON.

REPORT OF J. B. HUCKABEE.

DEAR BRETHREN:

After your last session, I continued as your missionary in the 1st District until November 30, 1890—two months. I preached 10 sermons; made 25 family visits; traveled 140 miles; attended 3 protracted meetings.

Amount due me, \$5.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HUCKABEE.

Bro. H. R. Schramm made a verbal report of his work in New Decatur.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

On motion, the old Executive Board was continued, except Bro. W. D. McDaniel, who had removed from the State. Bro. H. B. Irwin was appointed in his place. See names of the Board on first page of cover.

TREASURER.

Bro. T. W. Lynch was reappointed Treasurer of the Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 7:30 o'clock to-night. Prayer by Bro. J. C. Hudson.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Moderator called the association to order.

Prayer was offered by Bro. J. M. Waller.

The subject of education was then taken up, first by the reading of the preamble and resolutions of the Liberty Association in relation to the creation of a male high school. After some remarks by Bros. W. H. Simpson, Jos. Shackelford, J. C. Hudson and B. F. Riley, the following resolutions, offered by Bro. W. H. Simpson, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved. That the Muscle Shoals Association in this, their annual meeting, heartily endorse the movement made by the Liberty Association to establish an educational institution exclusively for males, within the bounds of the Liberty, Muscle Shoals, Florence and Big Bear Creek Associations, as expressed in their preamble and resolutions adopted on the 19th of September, 1891, in regular association assembled.

Resolved further, That we do hereby appoint the following brethren: Dr. Jos. Shackelford, A. L. Moody and A. W. Bailey, a committee, with full power to act for this association in regard to the said high school, when convened with a like committee appointed by any one or more of the associations herein mentioned.

NORTH ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The Baptists of North Alabama, within the territory embraced by the Liberty, Muscle Shoals, Florence and Big Bear Creek Associations, have no educational institution exclusively for males, under their care, and

Whereas, We think it highly important that we should have such an institution for the education of our boys. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Liberty Association of Baptists respectfully suggest to our sister associations, the Muscle Shoals, Florence and Big Bear Creek, the propriety of taking into serious consideration at their next session and that, if the proposition meets with their approbation, each of them appoint a committee of three brethren to meet with a like committee appointed by us at an early day to canvass the matter, and take steps for the establishment of a denominational high school for males, within the territory of the above mentioned associations.

Resolved 2nd, That we do hereby appoint the following brethren: Dr. J. P. Hampton, Rev. J. I. Sockum and Perry Henderson, with full power to act for the association in regard to the matter of the above mentioned high school, when convened with a like committee appointed by any one or more

of the aforesaid associations, and these committees shall form a joint committee, who shall take into consideration, at their first meeting, the propriety and practicability of establishing a male high school, to be located within the bounds of said associations, to be controlled by trustees appointed by the said associations.

Resolved 3rd, That in case our sister associations, or any one of them, shall act favorably upon this matter, and appoint the committee suggested, then the chairman of the committee appointed by us shall call a joint meeting of the committees appointed, at an early day, not later than December 1st, 1891, at such place as he may think proper, at which meeting the joint committee shall take such steps as they may think best, to carry out the object of these resolutions, and so far as this association is concerned, said committee has full power to act in the premises, according to their best judgment and wisdom.

The report on Education and that of the Board of Ministerial Education were then read. Elder B. F. Riley, president of Howard College, addressed the Association on education and in the interest of Howard College. He was followed by Elder J. C. Hudson, after which pledges and a collection was taken for Ministerial Education:

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

FROM CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Tuscumbia.....	\$ 10 00	Town Creek, paid.....	\$ 10 00
Russellville.....	10 00	Mt. Hope.....	6 00
Hillsboro.....	10 00	Moulton.....	5 00
Enon.....	5 00	Decatur, paid.....	10 00
Pleasant Hill.....	5 00	Hartsell.....	5 00
Danville.....	5 00	New Prospect.....	2 50
New Decatur.....	5 00	Cave Spring.....	1 00
Mt. Nebo (F) Horton & Wear.	5 00	Shady Grove.....	1 00
Harmony (\$1 paid), by Howell			
& Tucker.....	7 00	Sheffield.....	5 00
Lady's Aid Society, Sheffield.....	5 00	Friendship.....	2 00
Tuscumbia Sunday-school.....	5 00	Russellville Sunday-school....	5 00
Mt. Nebo (M) by Bro. Gibson	2 50	Range Line Sunday-school.....	1 00
Bethany, by Bry. W. A. Crister	2 50	Bethel (L).....	2 50
Falkville, by Bro. H. J. Mal-			
brooks.....	2 50	Bethel (M), by J. C. Orr.....	2 50
Mt. Pisgah.....	2 50	Mountain View S. S.....	1 00
Macedonia (M).....	2 50		
Total churches and Sunday-schools.....			\$144 00

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES AND CASH.

A. L. Moody, \$5 00; W. F. Orr, paid \$1 00; T. J. Crutchfield, \$3 50, paid \$1 00; W. T. Cobbs, \$5 00; E. A. Shoemaker, paid \$1 00; T. W. Lynch, paid \$2 50; W. J. Young, \$2 50; O. D. Gibson, paid \$2 50; Mrs. W. B. Carter, \$5 00; Carrie Shackelford, paid 25c; F. H. Orr, paid \$1 00; J. M. Roberts, \$2 50; S. A. Nelson, \$1 00; R. M. McClure, \$1 00; Bro. Hanby, paid \$2 00; C. A. Womble, paid \$2 50; W. C. Kitchens, \$2 50; Mrs. Millie Wear, \$1 00; J. M. Shoemaker, paid \$1 00; H. R. Schramm, paid 50c; C. J. Lynch, \$2 50; J. A. Thomason, paid \$1 00; W. M. Blackwelder, paid \$2 50; cash collections, \$9.62.

Total individual pledges and cash collections... \$ 59 87
Total from churches..... 144 00

Grand total from churches, Sunday-schools and individuals.....\$203 87
Of this, cash paid.....\$ 49 37
Amount due, pledged.....154.30—\$203 87

On motion, the report of the Ministerial Board was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Board of Ministerial Education, of the Muscle Shoals Association, beg leave to make the following report: The board consists of the following members—J. Gunn, ch'n; T. W. Lynch, Sec'y. and Treas.; W. D. Irwin, Thos. Hutcherson, Jourdan White, J. G. Orr and D. W. Hargrove. We selected J. W. Sandlin, upon a donation of \$75 00, to attend school this year just closed; also, B. F. Brothers has continued in school upon a donation of \$50 00. The board hopes that the Association will raise four times as much money for this purpose as it has heretofore done. Below will be found the report of the Treasurer for the past Associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GUNN, Ch'n.

T. W. LYNCH, Sec'y.

T. W. Lynch, Treasurer.

In account with Board of Ministerial Education.

		Dr.	
1890.			
Oct.	1. To balance on hand.....	\$ 5 77	
	4. To cash from Finance Committee.....	67 50	
1891.			
Jan.	8. To cash from Town Creek church.....	8 00	
1890.			
Oct.	15. To cash from Decatur church.....	10 00	
1891.			
Jan.	7. To cash from Russellville church for 1890.....	10 00	
	12. To cash from Town Creek church.....	2 00—\$103 27	
		Cr.	
1890.			
Oct.	4. By cash paid H. J. Halbrooks.....	\$ 62 50	
	paid B. F. Brothers.....	21 75	
	11. paid B. F. Brothers.....	15 00	
1891.			
Jan.	11. paid B. F. Brothers.....	18 00	
		\$117 25	
	To balance due Treasurer.....		13 98
			\$117 27

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. LYNCH, Treas.

Oct 2, 1891.

The report on Education was amended and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee, report as follows: The subject of education is one of vital importance to our denomination; one that should enlist the hearty sympathy and co-operation of every true Baptist. If we feel impressed with the responsibility of carrying on the work of Christ, who said, "Go and teach all nations," we should strive to make this generation far superior in its educational attainments to any that has preceded it.

We suppose that the advancement, the growth in intellectual power and strength for the past fifty years, or at least the past century, will equal that of the preceeding one thousand years. What will it be within the next fifty years? It is not true now, but the day will come, in this grand country of ours, when education will be universal. We are proud to say that our denomination is doing a grand work along this line, but we can and should do more.

We have schools known throughout our State and nation; schools that are an honor to the cause, and a great credit to the denomination. In our own State the beloved Howard and the renowned Judson stand as beacon lights in the watch tower, ever beckoning us onward and upward. Both of these should receive every aid sent from us by our prayers, our money, our patronage. One notable improvement in the Howard deserves special mention, namely, the Pastor's Theological Institute. This institute begins on June 16th and closes July 11th of each year. It is under the presidency of Dr. H. L. Purser, who is assisted by an able corps of lecturers.

Ministerial Education is not as well supported in our Association as it should be. We have two brethren at present beneficiaries of the fund for Ministerial Education, Bros. R. F. Brothers and J. W. Sandlin. On account of shortage in this fund, Bro. Sandlin has only been able to attend school a part of this year. We would urge upon our churches the great value and importance of this work. Our contributions should be more liberal, our prayers more earnest for great success to crown this department of our work. We would suggest the co-operation of this Association with adjoining associations in an effort to establish a high school as preparatory to Howard College. We believe this would be an onward step towards the accomplishment of the greatest good in ministerial and denominational education.

We are glad to note the improved condition of the Baptist Male and Female Institute at Moulton. It is now under the charge of Prof. A. G. Spinks, a graduate of Howard College, and we learn has a more liberal patronage than it has had for several years, and promises to do well under its present administration. We believe this institution, together with all others within the jurisdiction of this and adjoining associations, should be utilized in the formation of one strong union Baptist high school as preparatory to Howard College. Grand and glorious results would follow.

H. C. GILBERT Ch'n.
J. D. McCLANAHAN,
J. R. NESMITH

The following resolution was offered by Bro. J. C. Orr, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Ministerial Education be located at Decatur, and consist of seven members.

A committee, consisting of Jos. Shackelford, J. C. Orr, C. G. Lynch and J. S. Gibson, was appointed to nominate said board.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock in a Sunday-school mass-meeting. Prayer by Eld. H. R. Schramm.

SUNDAY'S EXERCISES.

9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met according to appointment. The Moderator called the body to order. After singing, and prayer by Bro. J. W. Sandlin, the report on Sunday-schools was read by Bro. C. G. Lynch. The Moderator then turned over the meeting to Bro. C. G. Lynch, who read the Sunday-school lesson for the day and commented on it at some length. He was followed by Bros. H. R. Schramm, J. C. Orr and J. C. Tidwell. After these remarks and singing, the Association adjourned to 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

The services at the various churches, as reported by the committee on Devotional Exercises, were held. The brethren appointed to preach did so, with great acceptance, to good congregations, and we trust great good was done. Public collections were taken up for missions amounting to \$24.11.

FOURTH DAY'S MEETING.

MONDAY, Oct. 5, 1891.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. W. T. Cobbs.

The report on Sunday-schools, which was read on Sunday morning, was read again, and after being amended and some remarks from Bros. Sandlin, Kirkland, Shackelford, J. C. Orr and Schramm, was adopted as follows:

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sunday-schools, report that we have examined all the church letters and find the following state of facts:

Shady Grove—Reports 65 pupils: amount expended, \$2 50
 New Decatur—80 pupils, 9 officers and teachers, 2 baptized from the school and \$20 35 expended.
 New Prospect—33 pupils and 4 officers and teachers.
 Tusculum—35 pupils, 6 officers and teachers, \$25 10 expended.
 Russellville—90 pupils and 6 officers and teachers, 6 baptized from the school, \$56 00 expended and \$5 00 given to Howard College.
 Mt. Nebo (M)—45 pupils and 7 officers and teachers, \$6 00 expended.
 Mt. Pisgah—No statistics, but reports Sunday school full of life.
 Lebanon—40 pupils and 5 officers and teachers.
 Decatur—120 pupils, 14 officers and teachers, 5 baptized from Sabbath-school.
 Moulton—30 pupils and 4 officers and teachers.
 Gum Springs (L)—35 pupils and 3 officers and teachers.
 Pleasant Hill—20 pupils and 1 teacher.
 Hillsboro—35 pupils, 4 officers and teachers, 3 baptized from the school, \$3 25 expended for Bible and \$5 00 expenses.
 Sheffield—70 pupils, 11 officers and teachers, 1 baptized, \$47.00 expended.
 Pleasant Grove—30 pupils, 5 officers and teachers.
 Falkville—25 pupils, 5 officers and teachers.
 Cave Springs—60 pupils.
 Hopewell—60 pupils, 5 officers and teachers; \$3 50 expended.
 New Hope—A Sunday-school but no report, except \$3 expended.
 Mt. Nebo (Franklin)—A Sunday-school but no report.
 Furnace Hill—20 pupils and officers and teachers; \$6 expended.
 Danville—A school, but no report.
 Bethel (M)—A Sunday-school, but no report.
 Hartsell—35 pupils; 7 officers and teachers.
 New Center—56 pupils; 4 officers and teachers.
 There is an increase of 7 Sunday-schools reported this year over last year. This evidences a slight improvement in Sunday school work, yet we find the Sabbath school interest much neglected within the bounds of this association. We respectfully request, recommend and urge every church in this association, that has not done so, to organize a Sunday-school; that every member of the church, old and young, should attend every meeting of his Sunday-school he possibly can. That the church should be very discreet in

its selection of officers and teachers; that Sabbath-school Helps should be used, but not to the exclusion of the Bible.

We recommend that the Sunday-schools order their literature through the Bible and Colportage Board, located at Opelika, and that they patronize the publications of the Sabbath-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; that a collection be taken up every Sunday, and thus teach our children the spirit of giving.

We ask the various churches to give us a more complete report of their Sunday schools in their next letter.

We recommend that a Sabbath-school Executive Board, consisting of three members, be appointed by this association, whose duty it shall be to try and awaken a greater interest in the Sabbath-school cause.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. LYNCH, Ch'n.
J. W. SANDLIN,
MIKE FINNEY.

The Moderator appointed Bros. R. T. Wear, J. M. Roberts and J. C. Orr to nominate the members of the Sunday School Board, provided for in the above report.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Bro. T. R. Bragg read the report of the committee on the State of Religion, which was adopted, as follows:

Your committee on State of Religion report, that we are pleased to state that many of the churches have been blessed with revival meetings this year, and that all the churches are at peace among themselves, and that the increase by baptism is a little above that of last year; yet we are grieved to see the state of religion so far below what it should be, as is shown by the small amount of money sent for missions, and that so many churches report neither Sabbath-school nor prayer meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. BRAGG,
PETER CLAY,
W. T. COBBE,
Committee.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

This report was read by the Moderator, and after some discussion by Bros. Shackelford, O. D. Gibson, Waller and Huckabee, was adopted, as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN—We, your committee on Documents, would report, that the letters show an increase by baptism of members to the number of 252 and 170 added by letter, 15 by restoration and a decrease of 147 by letter; 38 by exclusion, 149 by erasure, and 38 by death. Total gain, 437; total loss, 372; net gain, 65. Forty churches reporting; 23 churches report Sunday-schools, and 10 prayer meetings. One church has been received by petition. Only one church petitioned for the association next year, viz: Decatur Liberty church respectfully asks that the association next year kindly help her in paying for a pastor next year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. TIDWELL,
C. J. CRUTCHFIELD,
W. J. YOUNG.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The committee appointed to nominate the members of the Board of Ministerial Education, made their report, which was adopted. See names of Board on 1st page of cover.

The committee appointed to nominate members of the Sunday-school Board, reported the following, which was adopted:

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

We, your committee to whom was referred the location and appointment of a Sunday-school Executive Board, suggest the following names: C. G. Lynch, Robt. Kirkland, Wm. East, and it be located at Russellville.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following report on Deceased Ministers was read by Bro. J. N. Bragg, and adopted:

Your committee are gratified to note from the reports of the churches that God, in His divine providence, has seen fit not to call from their labors any of his ministers since the meeting of the association in 1890, for which we should feel thankful.

J. N. BRAGG,
R. A. KIRKLAND,
J. P. SCRUGGS,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. R. T. Wear. On motion of Bro. J. W. Sandlin speeches were limited to ten minutes. After discussion of the report by Bros. J. W. Sandlin, R. T. Wear, J. S. Gibson, J. M. Waller, J. C. Orr and J. C. Hudson, it was adopted, as follows:

This subject is of vital importance. The truth of this assertion will not be doubted, when we are reminded that, according to statistics, there are 215,000 saloons in the United States, and the people of these United States pay annually \$1,484,000,000 for the support of them; the result of which is about 600,000 drunkards, who are rushing headlong to premature graves and eternal misery. Prof. Lec Davis Lodge, A. M., forcibly and touchingly presents the effects of alcohol, thus: "A hideous worm gnaws at the bloom of modern civilization. Stalwart manhood is palsied; womanhood dies of broken hearts; the white hairs of age, that ought to be a crown of glory, are foul with the filth of the gutter. Genius soaring to the stars, falls headlong with shattered wing; grand intellects that might have moulded the destinies of nations and led the march of thought, are shipwrecked and sink beneath oblivion's surge. Whisky is master of an infernal magic. It transforms tender lovers to demons; the happy home, that once was heaven, it turns into hell. It changes strength to weakness, power to imbecility, honor to dishonor, innocence to guilt. Lives are blasted and blackened; children cry for bread and receive stone; wives are clothed in rags and shame; happiness, bliss and misery are entwined in ten thousand bosoms. Whisky kills the body and dooms the soul. Two friends—disease and death—follow on its footsteps. It puts hand-cuffs on delicate wrists; fills the penitentiaries with criminals, and the asylums with raving maniacs; makes a desert of the place where the rose hath bloomed, and loads down the people with enormous taxes. It moves the bloody arm of murder; fires the pistol and drives home the knife; it is a legion of liquid devils, that tear and rend mankind; its odor is of the pit; the fathers' graves and the mothers' tears appeal to heaven against it; the pallid lips of the wretched wives invoke bitter curses upon it; withered hopes are its melancholy trophies; infancy and crime are its progeny, pauperism and pain, the jewels in its crown; disgrace and damnation the reward of its slaves." These facts we bring before you, who have sworn allegiance to Heaven's King. Look ye, Christian men and women! See the many haggard and hungry faces from which all hope has faded; the many half-clad bodies quivering in the chill air of autumn. It is right for the working men to resist the encroachments of monopoly, but

whisky is a foe more cruel than corporations, more greedy than capital, more relentless than taxes. It seems the eyes of the laboring classes are blinded to their true condition, while men hold high carnival over the ruin it has wrought. *The value of the food products of our country, together with the cost of all the clothing yearly, is \$181,000,000 less than is spent for whisky.* With the terrible evils before our eyes daily produced by strong drink, it seems impossible to resist the conclusion that it is the duty of every Christian and every good citizen to fight the liquor traffic in all honorable ways, and with all honorable weapons, always everywhere and under all circumstances. In all our battles for temperance let it be understood that it is not the trader, but the traffic, which we hate. However seared his conscience, how degraded soever his life, he is still our human brother, made in the image of our father, and possessed of an immortal soul. The three methods of dealing with whiskey, which now engage the public attention, are moral suasion, regulation by tax and absolute prohibition. It is sad that the differences of opinion among temperance workers have frequently resulted in alienation, and even pronounced hostility. It is hard to see the different divisions of the grand army of God, who are making for the same noble end, firing into each other's ranks, and flinging mud, with all the unholy zeal of the political knave. Let us have all the moral suasion possible, for it is vitally necessary. Certainly it is in keeping with the teachings of christianity, and with the spirit of the highest civilization. It lovingly and tenderly pleads with man. Taxation is partial prohibition. That regulation by tax has, in many places, closed numbers of shops, and those the lowest and worst, cannot be denied. It sounds silly to hear a prohibitionist say, "If we can't have prohibition, let us have free rum." When the advocate of high license shows hundreds of saloons shut by his law, I think we ought to acknowledge that so far as he goes, he has done a good work, unless it be wrong to close those shops by compulsory measures. Prohibition cannot advance that objection. Hence, the only reasonable ground for objection to High License is, that it does not go far enough.

As Christians, we should be wise, and hail with delight anything that tends to bring us nearer the desired end absolute prohibition. Prohibition we want, prohibition we must have. God grant wisdom to direct the great army of temperance, so that all their power may be utilized, combined and concentrated to this one grand end. That we may indeed and in truth, sing of America, "The land of the free, the home of the brave."

R. T. WEAR, Ch'n.,
J. P. SCRUGGS.

TRUSTEES OF THE MALE AND FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The committee appointed to nominate members of the Board of Trustees of the Male and Female Institute, at Moulton, reported, which report was adopted, as follows:

Your committee appointed to recommend five trustees of the Baptist Male and Female Institute at Moulton, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the time of J. S. Gibson, J. C. Orr, W. T. Pruett, J. M. Doss and T. Jones, would recommend the names of W. R. Coffey, T. Jones, A. W. Bailey, O. D. Gibson and J. M. Shoemaker.

J. M. ROBERTS, Ch'n.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

PRINTING OF MINUTES AND CLERK'S FEE.

Brother R. T. Wear offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we have 1200 copies of the minutes published, and that they be paid for by the Treasurer out of funds given for that purpose, and should there not be a sufficient amount given, then, the balance to be paid

out of other funds in his hands; and that the Clerk be paid \$25 for his services by the Treasurer, out of any funds in his hands.

Bro. J. W. Sandlin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this association procure one-half dozen copies of the History of the Muscie Shoals Association from Dr Jos Shackelford, to be kept and preserved by the officers of the association for future reference, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay for the same out of the money in his hands contributed for associational purposes.

By Bro. A. B. Brindlee:

Resolved, That the association requests the churches, in the future, to report amount of monies expended in all the causes fostered by us, together with value of church property; and that our Clerk be requested to ask G. W. Ellis, of Montgomery, for printed forms of church reports, which will be furnished free, and forward same to every church clerk.

By Jos. Shackelford—Division of Funds:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this association be instructed to send all monies, specially contributed to the State Mission Board, Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board, by the churches, to those boards; and that he sends to those boards such monies as he may be directed to send by the Executive Board, which board is hereby instructed to divide the funds contributed to this association, after paying all incurred indebtedness for the past year, between the different Boards, Associational, State, Home and Foreign, according to their best judgment and the wants of the Home field.

By H. R. Schramm:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Hillsboro and vicinity for their bountiful hospitality to the association; to the Methodist church for the use of their church house, and to the railroad companies for reduced fare on their roads.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

Bro. Mike Finney proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which lies over for action upon it, to the next annual meeting of this association:

Change Article 6 first sentence, so as to read: "The Association shall elect annually, by ballot, a Moderator and clerk from her delegates." The amendment is to insert "by ballot," after annually, and make it as it reads above.

Bro. McClanahan presented the wants of Sister Verser, widow of Elder M. A. Verser, deceased, to the association. A collection was taken up for her to be turned over to Bro. J. E. Weaver to be handed to her. The amount collected was \$6.20.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Bro. A. L. Moody read the report of the Finance Committee, which, after some statements made by him, concerning a discrepancy in the report it was adopted, with the privilege given to the Clerk to make such corrections in it as may be necessary.

RECAPITULATION.

	Cash.	Vouchers.	Total
For Associational Missions.....	\$ 42 80	\$ 86 10	\$ 128 70
For State Missions.....		67 45	67 45
For Foreign Missions.....	15 80	37 00	52 80
For Home Mission.....	5 00	14 40	19 40
For Ministerial Education.....	45 95	12 05	58 00
For Minutes.....	35 30		35 30
Sabbath collections.....	22 49		22 49
Individual pledges for missions.....	17 00		17 00
Individual pledges for Education.....	5 00	5 00 last year	10 00
Saturdays collections for Missions.....	21 30	5 00	26 30
For missions generally.....	\$25 37		\$25 37
Saturday collections for missions.....	23 12		23 12
Sunday collections colored ch., for. Missions.....	1 62		1 62
Total paid to Treasurer.....	\$ 552 55	\$ 222 00	\$ 774 55

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

	Missions.	Education
J. I. Stockton, paid McClanahan.....	\$ 10 00	\$ 5 00
	2 00	
	5 00	
Total.....	\$ 22 00	\$ 10 00

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS L. MOODY, Ch'n.
H. B. IRWIN,
P. J. HUTCHISON.

REMARKS BY THE CLERK—Bro. Moody, the chairman of the Finance Committee, in order to make his account balance, paid over to the Treasurer about \$1 00 more than came into his hands. The mistake evidently occurred by mingling up the hat collections, and some of the money paid by individuals whose names are given, thus counting some of it twice. The Association agreed that this money should be refunded to Bro. Moody by the Treasurer. Hence the Treasurer's report next year will show his account credited by this error. The amount collected for Sister Verser was \$6 20.

On motion, the Association then adjourned after singing a hymn, and giving the parting hand, and prayer by Bro. Jos. Shackelford.

W. M. BLACKWELDER, MODERATOR.

JOS. SHACKELFORD, Clerk.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Missions Generally.		Associational Missions.		State Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Home Missions.		Ministerial Education.		Minute Fund.
	Cash.	Vchs.	Cash.	Vchs.	Cash.	Vchs.	Cash.	Vchs.	Cash.	Vchs.	Cash.	Vchs.	
Toscombs.....	\$ 10 00						\$ 2 23						\$ 2 00
Sheffield.....													1 10
Russellville.....													2 50
Sharp's Springs.....	1 00												85
Macedonia (F).....	5 00												1 50
Bethel (L).....	5 00												
Mt. Pleasant.....													50
Mt. Zion (L).....	8 50												
Mt. Stanley.....	5 00												75
Okolona.....													1 25
Bethany.....	20 00									10 00			50
Town Creek.....		12 00											45
Mission Grove.....	3 30				5 00								1 00
Salmon.....					2 50								25
Harmony.....													1 00
New Hope.....	19 00												1 50
Mt. Hope.....	25 00		10 00	5 00			5 00		5 00	10 00			50
Hillsboro.....													50
Zion.....										6 00			50
Pleasant Grove.....	25 00									5 00			25 00
Moulton.....	5 00					30							1 00
Gum Springs (L).....	10 25				3 00					2 0			10
Edna.....	15 75	4 25											
Macedonia (M).....	5 00								9 40	10 00	10 00		1 50
Decatur.....	9 12	20 00	49 35				12 57						
Danville.....	57 00				10 00								1 00
Hopewell.....	24 00												1 50
Bethel.....	4 00		16 00										
Friendship.....													1 00
Lebanon.....		6 35											1 50
Mt. Pisgah.....				5 00									75
Bethel (M).....	10 00												80
Mt. Zion (M).....					5 00								1 00
Gum Springs (M).....	4 10												
Shoal Creek.....													
Somerville.....		10 00											
Blue Springs.....	7 50												
Rocky Creek.....	5 00									2 50			
Mt. Nebo (M).....	10 00												1 00
Etha.....	5 00												
New Friendship.....													75
Falkville.....	8 00												
Vermosa Springs.....													
Lebanon.....													1 00
Liberty.....	10 00												
Mt. Nebo (F).....		25 00											1 10
New Decatur.....		5 00			8 20		7 20						
Furnace Hill.....													1 00
Cave Springs.....	5 00												
New Salem.....	5 50												1 00
Shady Grove.....				5 00							45	2 05	1 00
New Prospect.....	10 00												
Cherry Hill.....	75												1 00
New Center.....	2 50												
Total.....	\$25 37	\$12 60	\$86 10	\$67 45	\$15 20	\$37 00	\$ 5 00	\$14 40	\$45 95	\$12 05	\$35 30		

Decatur church for Bible and Colportage, 5 cts.

STATISTICS OF MUSCLE SHOALS ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST-OFFICE.	No. Organized Ministers.	No. Licensed Ministers.	Membership last Reported.	Increase by					Present Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL. SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST-OFFICES.		S. S. Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Pupils.	Preaching.	Sabbath School.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Expatriation.	Restoration.	Letter.		Exclusion.	Transfer.						
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	W. C. Summers.	C. C. Kerby.	Avoca.	1	170	19	6	1	6	1	191	10	10	1	1	1	1	2	1	
Adams (L)	Morgan.	W. D. McManahan.	J. C. Love.	Hartsell.	1	92	10	2	1	1	1	102	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	T. T. Odell.	J. W. Owens.	Town Creek.	1	80	10	1	1	1	1	90	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	J. E. Weaver.	V. J. Weaver.	Blue Springs.	1	100	1	1	1	1	1	101	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Morgan.	J. D. McManahan.	R. Collier.	Priestville.	1	107	2	1	1	1	1	108	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Franklin.	Mike Plancy.	Harbert Horton.	Waco.	1	67	1	1	1	1	1	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Morgan.	W. T. Collins.	A. Thompson.	Decatur.	2	73	17	1	1	1	1	90	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Morgan.	W. M. Blackwelder.	J. B. Kellar.	Edin.	1	134	1	1	1	1	1	135	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Cullman.	C. C. Hughes.	R. L. Keys.	Oakville.	1	188	3	1	1	1	1	191	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	W. T. Collins.	C. C. Crow.	Danville.	1	31	1	1	1	1	1	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Friendship.	Missionary.	H. J. Halloway.	Falkville.	1	31	1	1	1	1	1	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	M. T. Cobb.	W. J. Davis.	Sheffield.	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Franklin (H. L.).	Colbert.	O. E. Gonslock.	Monlon.	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	J. W. Sandlin.	T. W. Bond.	Hatton.	1	153	8	1	1	1	1	161	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	J. E. Row.	F. J. Pannell.	Falkville.	1	66	13	1	1	1	1	79	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	J. M. Roberts.	S. Howell.	Monlon.	1	37	2	1	1	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	Doc Shuckford.	W. J. Nottingham.	Hillboro.	1	129	2	1	1	1	1	131	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Morgan.	J. D. McManahan.	D. J. Orr.	Danville.	1	129	5	1	1	1	1	134	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Morgan.	H. J. Halloway.	D. A. Burleson.	Hartsell.	1	129	6	1	1	1	1	135	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Morgan.	J. D. McManahan.	W. H. Jenkins.	Falkville.	1	105	2	1	1	1	1	107	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	John Speer.	W. J. Young.	Town Creek.	1	63	3	1	1	1	1	66	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Franklin.	M. Ploner.	J. L. Rucker.	Newburg.	1	81	4	1	1	1	1	85	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Morgan.	J. M. Roberts.	S. Howell.	Flint.	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Morgan.	W. G. W. Smith.	W. H. H. Thompson.	Hartsell.	1	72	8	1	1	1	1	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Morgan.	W. T. Collins.	H. B. Gibson.	Mussey.	1	76	4	1	1	1	1	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	J. D. Bateson.	R. R. Beaver.	Town Creek.	1	48	3	1	1	1	1	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	John Speer.	G. W. Dodson.	Town Creek.	1	16	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	John Speer.	J. W. Yates.	Courtland.	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	R. T. Wear.	Geo. W. Jackson.	Mt. Hope.	1	26	5	1	1	1	1	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	R. T. Wear.	H. B. Irwin.	Monlon.	1	40	3	1	1	1	1	43	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Morgan.	J. Gunn.	H. A. McClellan.	Flint.	2	79	14	1	1	1	1	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Mt. Pisgah.	Franklin.	R. T. Wear.	F. J. Byars.	1	15	9	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Mt. Sebo.	Franklin.	J. W. Sandlin.	Russellville.	1	27	1	1	1	1	1	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Lawrence.	J. M. Roberts.	W. H. Sandlin.	Landersville.	1	63	1	1	1	1	1	64	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	New Friendship.	Morgan.	Joe E. Row.	Somerville.	1	37	4	1	1	1	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Sevier.	Morgan.	E. Wright.	Someville.	1	37	4	1	1	1	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	New Decatur.	Morgan.	H. R. Schaum.	New Decatur.	1	24	21	1	1	1	1	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Okolona.	Lawrence.	Isaac Bradford.	F. F. Finney.	1	31	3	1	1	1	1	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Sevier Grove.	Lawrence.	H. Rucker.	Stockton.	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Knoxville.	Franklin.	M. J. Weaver.	Th. Hay.	1	11	13	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Knoxville.	Morgan.	J. E. Weaver.	A. A. Hien.	1	26	1	1	1	1	1	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams.	Colbert.	J. W. Sandlin.	Shelby.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams.	Lawrence.	J. W. Murphy.	Monlon.	1	72	1	1	1	1	1	73	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Creek.	Morgan.	John Speer.	E. F. Smith.	1	20	2	1	1	1	1	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Morgan.	W. T. Cobb.	H. R. Shapton.	1	106	2	1	1	1	1	108	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Grove.	Morgan.	J. D. McManahan.	John A. Moore.	1	15	8	1	1	1	1	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Colbert.	A. L. Scott.	Thorp.	1	45	1	1	1	1	1	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	R. T. Wear.	Mt. Hope.	1	207	16	2	1	1	1	223	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Morgan.	T. H. Hawkins.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Adams (L)	Adams Hill.	Lawrence.	W. M. Smith.	Monlon.	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
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